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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 20, 2000 and March 8, 2002, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-245092, which was published on September 19, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

(2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-189055, which was published on July 21, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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Applicants also call the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated June 11, 2003 for patent family member EP 00 30 8222, to the Examiner's attention:

(3) U.S. Patent No. 3,960,603, to MORIOKA et al., issued on June 1, 1976;

(4) Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-007058, to SHINKOBE DENKI KK, which was published on January 14, 1985, together with an English language Abstract;

(5) U.S. Patent No. 3,650,842, to BOUGARAN, issued on March 21, 1972;

(6) Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-185724, to TOYOTA AUTOM LOOM WORKS LTD., which was published on July 9, 1999, together with an English language Abstract;

(7) U.S. Patent No. 5,415,954, to GAUTHIER et al., issued on May 16, 1995;

(8) U.S. Patent No. 4,138,533, to STEIG, issued on February 6, 1979;

(9) Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-243245, to SHIN KOBE ELECTRIC MACH CO LTD., which was published on October 23, 1987, together with an English language Abstract;

(10) Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-121668, to MATSUSHITA DENKI SANGYO KK, which was published on June 29, 1985, together with an English language Abstract.

(11) U.S. Patent No. 3,761,314 to CAILLEY, issued on September 25, 1973;

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- (12) French Patent No. FR 1.415.519, published on October 29, 1965;
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 5,047,300 to JUERGENS, issued on September 10, 1991;
- (14) European Patent Application No. EP 0 955 682, published on November 10, 1999;
- (15) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-58038, published on February 25, 2000, together with an English language Abstract;
- (16) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-260417, published on September 22, 2000, together with an English language Abstract;
- (17) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-326336, published on December 12, 1995, together with an English language Abstract;
- (18) International Publication No. WO 97/18594, published on May 22, 1997;
- (19) European Patent Application No. EP 1 076 371, published on February 14, 2001;
- (20) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 58-115757, published on July 9, 1983, together with an English language Abstract;
- (21) U.S. Patent No. 5,227,267 to GOEBEL et al., issued on July 13, 1993;
- (22) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 63-261672, published on October 28, 1988, together with an English language Abstract;
- (23) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-111261, published on April 23, 1999, together with an English language Abstract;

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(24) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-106636, published on April 24, 1998, together with an English language Abstract; and

(25) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-306535, published on November 28, 1997, together with an English language Abstract.

The category of relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the European Search Report. Applicants note that documents 3-10 were previously submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on March 8, 2002, and thus, copies of the same are not attached hereto.

Applicants have filed, concurrently with this Information Disclosure Statement, a Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue and a Request for Continued Examination (for which the present IDS is the required submission) in order that the present IDS may be considered. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents (except documents 3-10) are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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